

## "Dainty Creations"

Annual Opening and... SALE...

Of High-Class

# Muslin Underwear

Occurs Monday.

Every garment is a Simon Stern make, and a

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is a synonym of

# BEST

Styles change in these as well as in outer wear goods, and we are prepared to show you some of the latest creations in these dainty garments that you ever saw.

MONDAY

One novelty shown is the "Lote Fuller" drawer, made of fine cambric, with a deep blue ruffle of fine embroidery, full TWO YARDS around.

The prices will be the lowest consistent with the fine goods offered. We desire to call your attention to the fact that during the past week we have received many pieces of handsome

Wash Goods

AND Spring

Novelty

Dress Goods

foremost of which we mention: 84 pieces of IRISH DIMITY, interesting for the reason that they are exclusive designs.

French woven novelties—These are beauties—To \$1.75 yard. "Printed Wares," the Queen of Silk and Wool Fabrics, in handsome novelty patterns, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

We imported all of these ourselves—you can find them here, nowhere else. Come Monday and spend half a day with us—we're like a child with a new doll. We have pretty goods, we're proud of them, and we want you to see them.

L. S. Ayres & Co.

The March patterns are in, also the new Fashion Sheets.

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## TWO MEMBERS SIGN

REPRESENTATIVE MCGREGOR AND SENATOR WISHARD

Attach Their Signatures to State Committee's Petition—No Reports Received from Committees.

The Marion county Republican members of the General Assembly were to have met yesterday to decide what they would do in regard to signing the State committee's petition to the Governor, but, owing to the death of Mrs. W. H. Leedy and the absence of Messrs. Van Arsdale and Boardman, the meeting could not be held. It is postponed, and will be held either tomorrow or Tuesday. Senator Wishard and Representative McGregor signed the petition without waiting for the action of the committee. Mr. Adams has not signed it, he is still of the opinion that the law of 1885 should be attacked in the courts. He said yesterday that he was merely waiting for the decision of the meeting of the Marion county members, and that he would do as the majority agreed. He thinks there should be no petition to the Governor, asking him to call a special session of the Legislature, but that the Republicans should immediately bring suit to test all existing apportionment laws.

Chairman Gowdy had received no word directly from any of the members of the State committee, yesterday afternoon, in regard to their action in obtaining the signatures of the members of the Legislature to the petition that is to be presented to the Governor. He said that he had received word indirectly from several of them that indicated that the members were generally willing to sign the petition. He said he did not expect any of the petitions to be ready to him earlier than tomorrow or Tuesday. He is very confident that the signatures will be given and that a majority of the members of the General Assembly will sign the agreement.

Mr. Gowdy yesterday made the following statement to the Journal: "My interview, as reported in the Journal of this morning, is correct: I believed, as soon as the decision of the Supreme Court was published declaring the apportionment laws of 1883 and 1885 unconstitutional, and the law of 1885 in force, that we could carry both branches of the Legislature under it. I am still of that opinion. I do not remember a single instance where the Republicans of Indiana entered into an agreement or compromise with the Democratic party in which the Democrats did not take undue advantage of the Republicans, and that our party very seriously suffered because of the compromise. Knowing this to be true, and fearing the proposition made by the Democratic State committee to the Republican State committee two days afterwards, I immediately came to the conclusion, in the light of the past, and remembering the action of the Democrats in the Legislature of 1887, that it would be impolitic and unwise on the part of the State committee or the Republicans of the State to accept any compromise or proposition from the Democratic committee, and for this reason I am favored, as I do now, the attacking of the apportionment law of 1885 in the courts."

"I want it distinctly understood that I am not in favor of entering into any contract, agreement or compromise with the Democratic party of Indiana on the question of electing members of the Legislature. It has been stated by some Republicans that in the event the Supreme Court should withhold its decision until after the election that very serious trouble might arise. In my judgment the Republicans of Indiana would have everything to gain and nothing to lose by testing the 1885 law. If the Supreme Court should withhold its decision until after the election, the Republican Senators and Representatives elected under the law of 1885 would be justly entitled to and would take their seats."

**Clear Statement from Hamrick.**  
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.  
DANVILLE, Ind., Feb. 15.—Your correspondent interviewed Hon. James W. Hamrick, member of the Legislature from this county, as to his opinion of the action of the State central committee in asking pledges of the members of the Legislature, to be presented to the Governor to induce him to call a special session. Mr. Hamrick said:

"When I took my seat as a member I took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State, and to honestly and fairly perform my duties as a member. I tried to do so, and I thought I did. The Governor also took an oath to support the Constitution and to perform his duty. The Supreme Court has pronounced the apportionment acts of 1885 and 1885 unconstitutional. The same persons who made the act unconstitutional, the Governor knows this, and if he will not do what the Constitution and laws say he shall do, it is his lookout, and not mine. I shall not sign a petition asking the Governor to call an extra session, nor shall I sign a pledge to do what my oath of office requires me to do. To ask me to do that would be to ask me to do what I have not done my duty, and have violated my oath of office. The whole matter is with the Governor, and as far as I am concerned, I do not care what he does. If he calls a special session, I will do my duty under the Constitution and my oath of office, but I shall not sign any pledge or petition to the Governor to do what is obviously his duty."

"I do not feel called on at this time to express myself on that question. According to the Supreme Court, that is the only unchallenged law of apportionment on the statute books, and I will not say what step ought to be taken concerning that law."

"If a special session were called now, would other legislation be attempted?"

"I think not. I do not believe there is any legislation at this time to enter into general legislation. If a special session is called, it will be understood that only one subject calls the assembly together, and that is to apportion the State for legislative purposes."

**The Elks and Their Benefit.**  
At the regular meeting of the Indianapolis Lodge of Elks, last night, at their hall on North Meridian street, it was determined, on account of the recent death of the father of Will E. English, chairman of the benefit committee, to relieve him from active duty on the committee, and to substitute in his stead, for the forthcoming charity benefit at English's Opera House, Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, Jay G. Voss, who is also to assume the duties of interpreter for the minstrel "first part" to be given on that occasion, in connection with the other features of the volunteer programme. Mr. Voss will be in charge of the different committees, which he has arranged as follows: On opera house and talent, W. E. English, J. J. Curtis, Bert Peterson, and C. F. Palk; printing, Alfred, William Kottman, D. Feely; decorations, properties and carriages, Homer June, W. T. Kavanagh, C. F. Palk; printing, advertising and newspapers, H. S. Beisenherz, J. G. Voss, J. J. Curtis, James M. Hewly, B. F. Folsom, and James V. Cooke; general press representative, programme, Jacob Bos, A. Erdman, E. J. Murray and S. M. Crawford. The different committees have gone to work earnestly and they promise a more elaborate and diversified programme for the annual benefit than they have ever given before. The principal feature will be the popular Elks Minstrel "first part," with Pink Hall, George Homer Carter, Jacob Bos, Bert Peterson, Bruce

Ellis and James M. Healy on the ends, with Jay G. Voss as interpreter. An unusually strong olio will follow, made up from volunteers from Gus Hill, Barney Ferguson's and other companies playing at the different theaters.

**Indiana Glee Club Coming.**  
The entertainment to be given by the Indiana University Glee Club at Plymouth Church next Friday evening will be a social as well as musical event. The alumni of the city are greatly interested in the club, and many of the prominent citizens of Indianapolis and vicinity have availed themselves of the great opportunity presented. The appreciation is so marked that many have taken occasion to express themselves to the syndicate in terms like the following:

"I think the publishers of the New Americanized Encyclopaedia Britannica (1896 edition) have done a noble and conscientious revision of the English edition, and filling in its deficiencies on subjects of American interest."

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It should be remembered that the retail price of the New Americanized Britannica is \$9.00 per set, and that the publishers are to be furnished by the Newspaper Syndicate on the easy terms now offered, viz.: \$1 down and \$2.50 a month for one year. It is not to be wondered at that many of the citizens of Indianapolis are purchasing this new edition, even though the sale is certain to be enormous. The two hundred introductory sets are nearly all spoken for already.

**"ALFRED R. HOVEY."**

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# Brosnan's

GREAT ALTERATION SALE is forging on. Work has begun now on the Maryland street entrance, and in a few days will reach the main store. We are better satisfied to **SELL** the goods than have to remove them. Hence the . . .

## Great Remodeling Sale

Bargains will be in evidence all through the house, and no department shall escape contributing to the general drive of good values. Just a few of the drives you may see here till next week . . .

**Silk Department**  
50 pieces of plain China Silk at . . . 15c  
25 pieces of Japanese Silk, worth 65c, at . . . 39c  
25 pieces of Dresden Taffeta, worth \$1, at . . . 53c  
We will also place on sale for to-morrow a full line of All-silk Satin Rhadame, positively worth \$1, for . . . 69c

**Colored Dress Goods**  
Line of Graded Novelty, worth 20c, for . . . 12 1/2c  
All-wool, Silk-finished, Fancy Colors, the latest, ought to sell for 39c, now . . . 25c  
40-inch Silk-finished Variegated Novelty, bought to sell at 50c, during alteration sale at . . . 39c  
40-inch All-wool Raw-silk Suitings, sold other places at 65c, alteration sale price . . . 49c  
A full line of Fancy Plaids just received.

**Black Dress Goods**  
Full Dress Patterns All-wool Black Henriettes, 50c quality, alteration sale price, whole dress for . . . \$1.88  
46-inch French Henrietta, \$1 quality, during alteration sale . . . 59c  
Big line of quality Novelty for . . . 49c  
46-inch All-wool French Serge, worth 75c, to go at . . . 49c

**Gents' Furnishings**  
Men's 4-ply Linen Collars at . . . 4 1/2c  
Men's 4-ply Linen Cuffs at . . . 12 1/2c  
Fast Black Seamless Hose, worth 12 1/2c, at . . . 6 1/2c  
Fancy Linen Thread Hose, worth 40c to 50c, at . . . 23c  
Laundered Percalé Shirts, attached collars and cuffs, worth 65c, for . . . 49c  
50c Ducking Cloth Shirts at . . . 39c  
Colored Bosom Shirts, all patterns and colors, worth 85c, for . . . 59c  
Men's Marino Underwear, worth 75c a suit, at . . . 45c  
Men's Ribbed Underwear, \$1.25 a suit, at . . . 90c  
Gents' Silk Hose Supporters, worth 25c, at . . . 19c  
Fancy Embroidered-front Night Shirts, worth 65c and 75c, for . . . 49c  
Gents' Ties, worth 35c to 40c, in tecks, bows and four-in-hands, for . . . 23c

**Hosiery**  
Heavy full Seamless Hose at . . . 7 1/2c  
Heavy Flannel-lined Hose, worth 19c, at . . . 12 1/2c  
25 doz L-fleeced Wool Hose, worth 19c, at . . . 12 1/2c

**Underwear**  
Ladies' Eern Cotton Vests, 30c values, at . . . 22c  
Children's 3/4 Union Suits at . . . 25c

**Laces and Embroideries**  
Big assortment of hand-made Torchon Laces at 4c, 5c